

**A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EDITING COLUMN ORIENTED PROGRAMMING  
LANGUAGE STATEMENTS**

**ABSTRACT**

5 For a program statement editor, a method for editing column  
oriented programming language statements presented to a user on  
a display screen, comprising: providing a template description  
defining one or more statement types; and, providing a graphical  
10 user interface ("GUI") for editing the statements individually,  
the GUI having one or more editable fields corresponding to a  
statement type of an individual statement defined by the  
template description, the GUI adapted to receive content for one  
or more of the editable fields from the user to define the  
15 individual statement.